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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF REFUGEES

UNHCR REP SICOTTE RESIDENT BOTSWANA CALLED AT EMBASSY
JUNE 21 AND ASKED FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE FORWARDED:

QUOTE:

TO: UNHCR, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

FROM: G. SICOTTE, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTHERN
AFRICA, MBABANE

YOUR REF: MEMORANDUM OF 30 APRIL 1973, REF. 1. SWA. GEN,
ICS AND JACKSON- SICOTTE TELCON. 15 JUNE 1973

1. SAW DPM HERE AT HIS REQUEST. HE UNDERSTANDS
NETHERLANDS PREPARED TO ACCEPT TWO CHANGES AND ZIKALALA
" TEMPORARILY", PENDING RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE AND
ASKS WE ARRANGE URGENT TRANSPORTATION, AS WAS DONE FOR
NIKANI, AVOIDING LANDING IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, BOTH
OF WHICH HE CONSIDERS UNSAFE FOR THE THREE. ALSO STATES
AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE CHARTERED FROM " BIG" COUNTRY, E. G.
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U. S., U. K., OR FRANCE, TO ENSURE SAFE OVERFLIGHT OF
MOZAMBIQUE EN ROUTE MADAGASCAR. IF COUNTRY OF REFUGE
FOUND, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED CONSIDER SUCH ARRANGEMENTS?

2. YOU WILL WISH TO VERIFY DUTCH GOVERNMENT' S
ALLEGED WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT THREE REFUGEES, WHICH
APPARENTLY BASED ON ADVICE FROM BEREND SCHUITEMA,
B. O. 10500, AMSTERDAM, OF SO- CALLED ANTI- APARTHEID GROUP.

3. DPM HINTED FIVE MORE REFUGEES MIGHT ALSO BE
ASKED TO LEAVE. THEY LIKELY INCLUDE MKWANAZI AND MAKANDA
WHO INCURRED GOVERNMENT' S DISPLEASURE AS A RESULT OF
MEMORANDUM REFERRED TO YOUR PARA. 6. I WAS TOLD, HOWEVER,
AS REGARDS FORMER, AT LEAST, THAT THERE WERE OTHER REASONS.

4. REPRESNETATIONS BASED ON PARA 2 OF YOUR MEMO.
FAILED TO ELICIT EXPLANATION ON CAUSE THREE FIRST- MENTIONED
REFUGEES' EXPULSION. DPM REMINDED ME " YOU WERE TOLD IT WAS
STATE SECURITY", MAKING CLEAR I WAS NOT TO ENQUIRE FURTHER.
UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, CASE MAY HAVE BEEN
RELATED TO CRITICISM OF RSA VOICED AT MEETINGS, WHICH CAUSED
EMBARRASSMENT TO GOVERNMENT.

5. RETURNING BOTSWANA JUNE 22. AWAITING YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS BY CONFIDENTIAL CHANNEL. UNQUOTE
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